



Holywell Primary School

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We are a learning community with the spirit to succeed

12th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Monday 15th November 2021 - Odd Socks Day

Next Monday marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and on that day children are allowed to wear odd socks to school. Anti-Bullying Week typically takes place in the month of November, this year it runs from Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'One Kind Word'. The teachers have organised activities for the week.

In addition, The Bigfoot Theatre Company are coming in to work with pupils; presenting an assembly and running workshops.



Assessments

This week, pupils completed their class assessment in reading, writing and maths. From next week onwards, most pupils will return to their normal class timetables. A few classes will be finishing off last minute assessments.

Class Assembly

Hazel class presented a lovely assembly this morning to commemorate Remembrance Day. In class yesterday, everyone observed a one minute silence in respect of those who have lost their lives as a result of War.

We will continue to allow parents to attend the Friday morning Class Assembly. Please ensure you contact the school office to reserve a place, and we ask all parents attending to wear a face mask.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES		
Friday 19 th November 2021	Hawthorn	Children's Day
Thursday 25 th November 2021	Sycamore	Hanukkah
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Elm	St Andrews Day
Friday 10 th December 2021	Birch	Human Rights Day

School Uniform and PE Kit



As the weather is getting colder we have noticed some pupils are wearing clothing that is not part of school uniform We would like to remind parents school uniform consists of –

Maroon Sweatshirt – with school logo

White Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers/Grey Skirt

Sensible Black School Shoes

Red Check Dress/Smart Grey Trouser Shorts (Summer Uniform)

Plimsolls/Trainers for PE

PE Jogging Bottoms – with school logo

Pupils can only come in to school on PE days in their PE kit if they are wearing regulation jogging bottoms with the school logo. Pupils who do not have regulation jogging bottoms must come to school in their school uniform and they will be given the opportunity to change into their PE kit before the start of their PE lesson. Non regulation jogging bottoms are not allowed.

Braiswick Photographer

The school photographer was here yesterday and took individual and family photographs. The proofs will be distributed as soon as they are received in school.

Events

We have a number of events taking place for all children in school.

Monday 15th November 2021	Year 3 & Year 4 Stone Age Workshop
Monday 15th November 2021	Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Ark Farm visit
Wednesday 17th November 2021	Year 2 & Year 3 Anti-Bullying workshops
Wednesday 17th November 2021	Year 5 & Year 6 Anti-Bullying workshops
Thursday 18th November 2021	Reception & Year 1 Anti-Bullying workshops
Monday 22nd November 2021	Year 4 & Year 5 Anti Bullying workshops

Attendance

We continue to monitor pupils' attendance in school. Pupils are expected to be in school every day because research has shown that regular absence from school affects pupils' academic achievement. We have looked at the attendance of pupils and will invite some parents into school for a meeting about their child's attendance. These meetings are for the school to get an understanding of the ongoing absences, and to find ways forward so that pupils' attendance can improve. Parents are also reminded that leave taken to go abroad for any reason is classed as unauthorised leave. The school cannot authorise leave for pupils who are not in school.

Reception – September 2022

The on-line application system to apply for a place for Reception class in September 2022 is now open. We would like to remind parents who have children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that they must apply for a place in Reception class, they do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

Our next Open Day will be on Thursday 25th November 2021 at 2:00pm.



Nursery – September 2022

Application forms to apply for a place in Nursery, for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 are available from Thursday 6th January 2022. We plan to hold an Open Day On Thursday 13th January 2022 at 11:15am.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December 2021

This is our last fundraiser for the year. Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumper for a donation of £1. This is a national event supported by the Charity 'Save the Children', who raise money for essential food, healthcare, education and protection to millions of children around the world who are less fortunate.



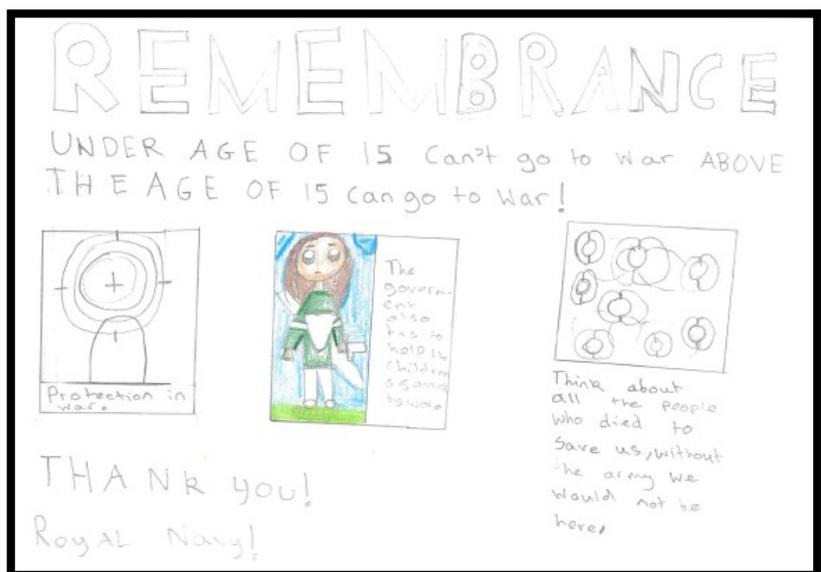
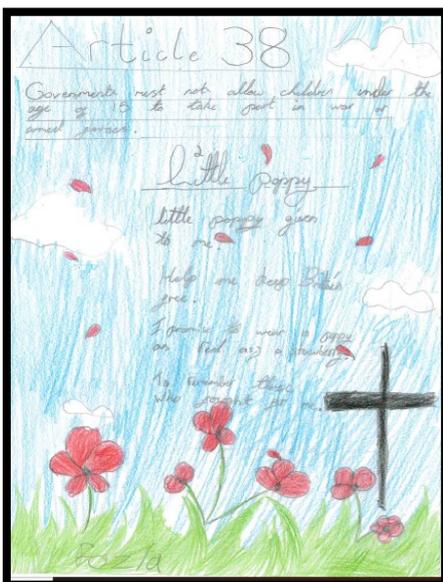
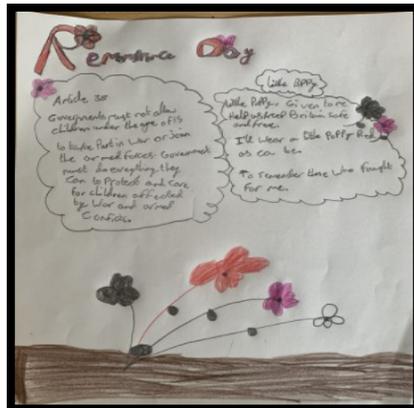
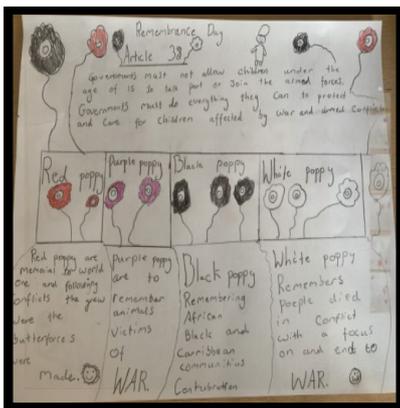
Remembrance Day linking UNCRC Article 38.

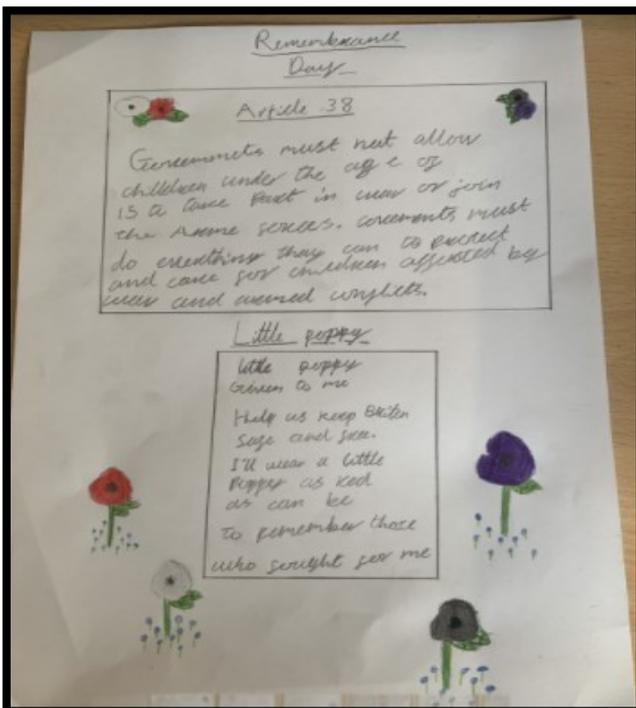
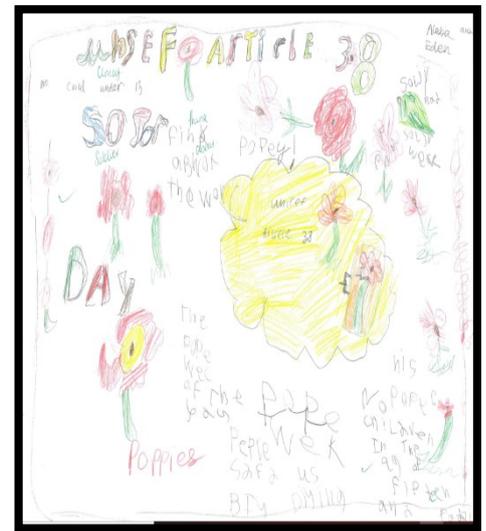
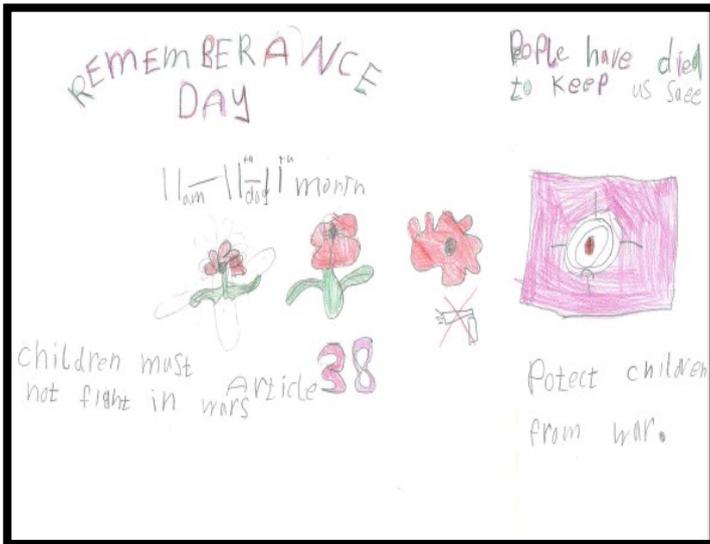
Holywell children have produced some creative artwork based on UNCRC Article 38 (War and armed conflicts) that links to Remembrance Day. It's important to remember and acknowledge and thank those who have fought to keep children safe. Children have a right to life. During wars, some people lose their own lives to protect the lives of children and it is important to remember their sacrifice

Article 38 – War and Armed Conflicts

- Governments must **not allow** children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.
- Governments must do everything they can to **protect and care** for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

Following is a gallery of work from different Year groups. They are voicing out their views for children, to live their lives peacefully and not be part of any bloody war!!







Article 38:
No child
under 15 shall
be employed

Pantomime for Year 1 to Year 5

Last week, on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 Wizard Theatre were in and performed for the children in Year 1 to Year 5.



HOUSE POINTS	
Ebury	185
Vicarage	178
Brightwell	173
Cassio	174

STAR & CHARTER CERTIFICATES

		Star	Charter
Reception	Reception	Elliott	Ali
Year 1	Sycamore	Joel	Gabriella
Year 2	Hawthorn	Abu Bakar	Tayla-Rose
	Hazel	Issac	Amelia
Year 3	Rowan	Patrick	Rory
Year 4	Cedar	Poppy	Haresh
	Mulberry	Lorena	Adam
Year 5	Chestnut	Maddison	Harley
	Elder	Timotei	Sofia
Year 6	Birch	Chloe-Mae	Malhaar
	Elm	Raisa	Bailey

Week Commencing 1st November 2021

Attendance by Class			
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Nursery	85%	Mulberry	83%
Reception	91%	Cedar	89%
Sycamore	88%	Chestnut	91%
Hawthorn	86%	Elder	97%
Hazel	95%	Elm	96%
Rowan	93%	Birch	97%

**Whole School Attendance from
September 2021
93%**

Attendance	
<i>Best classes in the whole school for attendance</i>	
Key Stage 1	Hazel
Key Stage 2	Birch



AUTUMN TERM

November 2021

- Monday 15th November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 15th November 2021 - Year 3 and Year 4 Stone Age Workshop
Monday 15th November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 16th November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Anti-bullying workshop
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 17th November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Rocksteady
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 18th November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 19th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 2 Hawthorn - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 22nd November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 22nd November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Monday 22nd November 2021 - School nurses to complete Health Questionnaires with Year 6
Tuesday 23rd November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Wednesday 24th November 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 24th November 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 24th November 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Rocksteady lessons
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Reception Class 2022 Open Day at 2pm
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Year 3 Rowan Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Watford Football Trust to work with Year 6
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 25th November 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 1 Sycamore - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 26th November 2021 - Occasional Day - School Closed
Monday 29th November 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 29th November 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day
Tuesday 30th November 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)

December 2021

- Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Applications Open for Reception 2022
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Christmas Decoration Day

Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 1st December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Rocksteady lessons
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 2nd December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club
Friday 3rd December 2021 - Whole school assembly - Year 6 Elm - Parents invited (9:05)
Monday 6th December 2021 - Innovation and Enterprise week - DT focus
Monday 6th December 2021 - Whole school Assessment Week
Monday 6th December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church, Christingle Workshop
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 7th December 2021 - Year 2 St Mary's Church visiting
Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 9th December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 9th December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day - Year 6 Birch - Parents invited (9:05)
Friday 10th December 2021 - Save the Children "Christmas Jumper Day"
Monday 13th December 2021 - Whole school assessment week
Monday 13th December 2021 - Year 5 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Tuesday 14th December 2021 - Year 1 & Year 2 Football club
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Cornet lessons Year 4
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Ukulele lessons Year 5
Wednesday 15th December 2021 - Year 6 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (9:15)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 6 Elm Swimming (14:00 - 14:30)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Year 3 & Year 4 Football club (15:20 - 16:20)
Thursday 16th December 2021 - Key Stage Concert to parents (6:00pm)
Friday 17th December 2021 - Early Years Christmas performance (11:15)
Friday 17th December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 1 parents invited (9:05)
Monday 20th December 2021 - Whole school assembly (Christmas production) Key Stage 2 parents invited (9:05)
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - Last day of term - school closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 21st December 2021 - No PM Nursery class. Nursery closes at midday

Enrichment Days

Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November 2021 - Anti Bullying Week

Monday 15th November to Sunday 21st November 2021 - Road Safety Week

Saturday 20th November 2021 - Universal Children's Day - UN

Monday 29th November 2021 - Hanukah

Tuesday 30th November 2021 - St Andrew's Day

Thursday 2nd December 2021 - International Day for the abolition of slavery

Friday 10th December 2021 - Human Rights Day

Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme



HAPpy Activity Camps

What are HAPpy Camps?

HAPpy Camps are free activity camps offering eligible children the opportunity to take part in sports and activities, arts and crafts, and enjoy a meal with friends while having fun during the holidays. Camps are a minimum of four hours long and take place all over Hertfordshire.

Click on the link below for more information:

<https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/>

Christ First Church & Holywell Primary School

FAMILY FIREWORKS NIGHT

Sat 13th Nov 2021

At Holywell Primary School

Tolpits Lane, Watford, WD18 6LL

Gates open at 6:00pm

(See reverse - Fireworks at 7pm)



**CHRIST FIRST
WATFORD**



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In aid of:



FAMILY FIREWORKS NIGHT

Adult ticket - £3

Child ticket - £2

Family ticket (2a + 2c) - £9

NO SPARKLERS ALLOWED ON SITE.

★ **Glow Batons** ★ **Refreshments** ★

★ **Professional Display** ★



For booking and info:

Email: office@x1church.com web: x1church.com/events